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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested.

Engelmann (US 6,335,906) is cited as the primary reference against the claims. The Examiner argues that switch 24 is a timepiece control unit that controls the time display member to display non-time information in accordance with the stored data. See page 4, lines 2-9 of the office action, for example. Switch 24 can be manually moved between three positions to select and activate one of three services (see col. 3, lines 37-57 of Engelmann). The selected service can be "displayed" by a code marked on the crystal 10 or by an electro-optical display cell. However, the "non-time information" (service selected) that is "displayed" is not "in accordance with the stored data" (Claim 26) or "comparison result" (Claims 1, 17, 22). It is in accordance with the manual selection of switch 24. So, it is respectfully respected that the Examiner's reading of Engelmann is inconsistent with what is actually disclosed. Also, the non-time display information is not displayed on a mechanically driven time display member, as recited in each independent claim.

Lee (US 5,475,377) is cited against independent claims 1, 17 and 22 as showing comparing received data with stored data for fee calculation and authorization. See col. 16, line 57 to col. 17, line 13. However, the result of the comparison is the transmission of a signal, which may result in the unlocking of a turnstile, operating a passage lamp, or printing of a ticket. But, the comparison result does not effect the movement of a mechanical time display.

Nomura (US 4,223,522) is cited against the dependent claims as showing an irregular movement of the hands. However, this irregular movement is to indicate a drop in battery voltage, abnormal internal temperature, or rise in humidity (see col. 5, line 55 to col. 6, line 18). However, this irregular movement is not in accordance with a comparison of stored data to a value of predetermined data, as claimed.

Sakamoto (US 6,449,583) is cited against dependent claim 12 as showing a stopwatch type device. However, Sakamoto does not remedy any of the deficiencies of the primary references in meeting the specific limitations recited in each of the independent claims as discussed above.

Applicants have further amended Claim 1 to recite the limitations of cancelled Claim 16 to recite that the non-time information can be displayed in accordance with the stored data automatically through the counting of a timer.

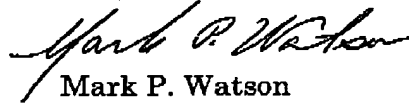
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Applicants respectfully request a favorable action in view of the above amendments and remarks. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the foregoing, he is requested to contact the undersigned at 408-952-6124.

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